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AUGUST 18, 1972

TO: PINEAU/RODMAN FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: L. SIMKUS

1. LETTER FROM YOUSUF KARSH -- THEY HAVE FOLLOWED MR. KISSINGER'S EXACTING ITINERARY WITH KEEN INTEREST AND HE HAS THEIR CONSTANT GOOD WISHES FOR ULTIMATE SUCCESS. BECAUSE OF THE PRESSURE FROM EUROPEAN PUBLICATIONS, KARSH ON AUGUST 15 SENT TO MR. KISSINGER A SET OF BLACK AND WHITE PROOFS, AND A SET TO EUROPE FOR RELEASE. ALL ARE DUPLICATED IN COLOR, BUT SINCE THE COLOR ARE IRREPLACEABLE, HE IS NOT ENTRUSTING THEM TO THE MAIL. THE KARSHES ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A VISIT WITH MR. KISSINGER IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE WHEN THEY MAY HAVE THE PLEASURE OF SEEING HIM VIEW THE PROOFS; HE ASSURES THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE SPLENDID AND DO THEM BOTH CREDIT.

2. LETTER FROM EDWARD M. KRESKY, WERTHEIM & CO., INC., NEW YORK -- WITH DUE REGARD TO THE FACT THAT THIS MORNING'S (AUG 15) NEWSPAPERS DESCRIBED MR. KISSINGER SIMULTANEOUSLY IN PARIS AND WITH HIS ^{PARENTS} IN SWITZERLAND, HE MUST FULFILL A REQUEST OF HAK'S INITIATED YEARS BACK WHEN HE WAS A LOWLY ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AT ARIZONE NORMAL -- SPECIFICALLY A NEW AND MORE LEGIBLE SUBWAY MAP OF NEW YORK CITY. KNOWS HAK'S SUMMER HAS BEEN MORE HECTIC THAN USUAL, BUT IT COULD NOT BE DIFFERENT IN THE YEAR 1972. SAW NANCY BRIEFLY AND WHETHER MR. KISSINGER IS WILLING TO BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THEY BOTH CONTINUE TO HAVE THE KINDEST WORDS FOR HIM.

3. LETTER FROM ADMIRAL MCCAIN -- APPRECIATES MR. KISSINGER'S
THOUGHTFUL LETTER OF AUGUST 2; ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR HIS KIND REMARKS.
WOULD CONSIDER IT THE VERY GREATEST HONOR POSSIBLE IF THE PRESIDENT
AND MR. KISSINGER COULD INCLUDE HIS CHANGE OF COMMAND ON SEPTEMBER 1
IN THEIR SCHEDULE WHILE IN HONOLULU.

4. NOTE FROM EDDY J. ROGERS, HOUSTON -- FORWARDS DOONESBURY CARTOON
STRIP ON MR. KISSINGER.

5. NOTE FROM SECRETARY-GENERAL J. ROTBLAT, PUGWASH CONFERENCES
ON SCIENCE AND WORLD AFFAIRS -- FORWARDING TEXT OF A STATEMENT ISSUED
BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PUGWASH, WHICH HE IS FORWARDING TO
PRESIDENT NIXON, AS WELL AS RELEASING IT TO THE PRESS. THE STATEMENT
IS DATED AUGUST 15 AND READS AS FOLLOWS: "IN RECENT MONTHS, EVIDENCE
HAS APPEARED IN THE PRESS, AND BEEN CONFIRMED BY NEUTRAL OBSERVERS,
THAT THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF BOMBINGS OF NORTH VIETNAMESE DIKES.
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS DENIED ANY INTENTION TO DAMAGE THE DIKES,
BUT HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT BOMBS, INTENDED FOR MILITARY TARGETS NEAR
DIKES, HAVE IN SOME CASES UNINTENTIONALLY FALLEN ON THE DIKES THEMSELVES.
THE MONSOON SEASON IN NORTH VIETNAM HAS ALREADY STARTED. APPROXI-
MATELY 15 MILLION NORTH VIETNAMESE DEPEND FOR THEIR SAFETY AND VITAL
FOOD SUPPLIES ON THE PROTECTION PROVIDED BY THE DIKES AGAINST
FLOODING. UNLESS THE DAMAGE ALREADY DONE IS REPAIRED, AND FURTHER
DAMAGE TO THE DIKES AVOIDED, THERE COULD BE VAST SUFFERING AND EVEN
VERY MANY DEATHS AMONG THE NORTH VIETNAMESE POPULATION. IT IS
ABSOLUTELY VITAL THAT THERE BE NO INTERFERENCE WITH THE REPAIRS NOW
GOING ON. WE STRONGLY URGE THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO GIVE UNEQUIVOCAL
ORDERS TO HIS MILITARY COMMANDERS, IN PARTICULAR THE AIR FORCE
GENERALS, THAT NO ACTION BE UNDERTAKEN BY MEANS OF ANTI-PERSONNEL OR
OTHER WEAPONS THAT COULD - BY INTENTION OR OTHERWISE - INTERFERE WITH
THE NEEDED DIKE REPAIRS."

MAIL PICKED UP AT HOME

1. ROME POSTCARDS FROM ELIZABETH AND DAVID.

2. CARD FROM VIKI DRISCOLL -- LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MR. KISSINGER,
DAVID AND ELIZABETH NEXT THURSDAY.

3. PERSONAL NOTE FROM MARSHA METRINKO.